

Amendments to the Specification

Amend paragraph [0010] as follows:

[0001] This application is a Continuation of Application Ser. No. 09/905,042 filed July 12, 2001, Pat. No. 6,698,658 entitled ~~"Method and Apparatus to Prevent Reporting Multiple Reads of Optical Coded Items~~, which ~~application~~ is hereby incorporated by reference as if set forth fully herein.

Amend paragraph [0026] as follows:

[0026] After the bar code data processing is complete, the data provided by the weigh scale is examined. Measurement of weight on the scale is used for transactional purposes as well as for the purpose of ~~the present invention~~ certain of the preferred embodiments, and thus will take place whether or not the system's multiple read timer is running in modified mode or not.